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For: METHOD FOR EXAMINING HUMAN  
KIDNEY DISEASES BY DETECTING THE  
FATTY ACID BINDING PROTEIN

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated January 12, 2005, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month to May 12, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.